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R 260935Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9079

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 PHNOM PENH 1568

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS EAID CB

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REPEAT OF USSAG MESSAGE

THE FOLLOWING USSAG 250715Z JAN 75 BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L

CINCPAC FOR J3/J4. JCS FOR J4 MOBILITY OPS, DIA FOR DI-2.

USDAO SGN PASS TO JGS, RVNAF ATTN: BG THO, PACAF FOR IN.

SUBJT: LOGISTICAL FORECAST FOR PHNOM PENH (U)

1. (C) TO FORECAST THE LOGISTICAL SITUATION AT PHNOM PENH CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO STOCKS ON HAND, PROJECTED CONSUMPTION, AND PROJECTED RESUPPLY. OF THESE FACTORS ONLY THE STOCKS ON HAND ARE KNOWN WITH PRECISION.

2. CONSUMPTION: THERE ARE MANY VARIABLES THAT AFFECT CONSUMPTION, SUCH AS, INTENSITY OF COMBAT, THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES AND TACTICAL MOBILITY. THE FOLLOWING TABLE PROVIDES USSAG/MEDTC BEST ESTIMATE OF FUTURE CONSUMPTION. THE AMMO RATE OF 500 S/T IS BELOW JANUARY 75 EXPENDITURES OF 570 S/T. THE RICE RATIONING AT 540 M/T PER DAY IS JUST ABOUT THE ROCK BOTTOM SUSTAINING DIET AND POL UTILIZATION REPRESENTS A MOST STRINGENT RATIONING SITUATION.

COMMODITY INVENTORY COB 23 JAN DAILY EXPENDITURES

AMMO	9,500 S/T	570 S/T
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RICE	19,400 M/T	540 M/T
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POL	18,100 CUBIC METERS	556 CUBIC METERS
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MILITARY

MOGAS	2,420 C/M	75 C/M
ADO	5,605 C/M	120 C/M
AVGAU	2,080 C/M	82 C/M
JP-4	792 C/M	40 C/M

(360 POCHENTONG, BALANCE (30 POCHENTONG,
COUNTRY WIDE) BALANCE COUNTRY WIDE)

CIVILIAN

ADO	2,066 C/M	50 C/M
FUEL/OIL	661 C/M	55 C/M
IDO	1,399 C/M	30 C/M
JP-1	491 C/M	6 C/M
AVGAS	1,147 C/M	30 C/M
MOGAS	412 C/M	23 C/M
K/O	1,050 C/M	45 C/M

3. (C) A. THE REQUIREMENTS OF MR8 CAN BE MET VIA BARGE TO KG SOM AND KAMPOT AND MR 9 AND MR 3 BY OVERLAND TRANSPORT TO BATTAMBANG AND THENCE TO PURSAT AND KG CHHNANG. THE REST OF THE COUNTRY MUST BE RESUPPLIED BY AIR OR BY THE MEKONG. THE CURRENT BIRD CONTRACT IS LIMITED BY MAXIMUM FLYING HOURS PER MAN PER MONTH AND WITH CURRENT PILOTS WILL LEVEL OFF AT A SUSTAINING RATE OF 7 SORTIES (105 S/T) PER DAY. THE KEY

THEN IS THE MEKONG.

B. WITH THE CURRENT ENEMY SITUATION THERE ARE MANY VARIABLES THAT FLUCTUATE ON A DAILY BASIS. TRANSIT OF THE MEKONG IS LIMITED BY KAF AVAILABILITY, MNK TURN-AROUND, AVAILABILITY OF SCREEN BARGES, RELUCTANCE OF CREWS TO SAIL, PILOTS, BARRICADES, ETC., ETC. TAKING ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION (AND MORE) THE FOLLOWING TABLE LISTS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VESSELS AND BARGES THAT WE FEEL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SUBSEQUENT CONVOYS. CONVOY DATES ARE PROVIDED FROM D-DAY, THE DATE OF TP-111 OR 21 JAN 75. THE CONVOY DATES REPRESENT EXPEDITED EFFORTS WITH NO FOULUPS. THE FORECAST IS TENUOUS, IT COULD BE INVALIDATED, FOR EXAMPLE, TODAY AS THE RESULT OF EXPERIENCES ON TP-112.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VESSELS/BARGES

DATE	AMMO	POL	RICE	OTHER	TOTAL
D	2		2		

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D PLUS 4	2	2	0	4
D PLUS 9	2	2	3	7
D PLUS 16	2	2	3	7
D PLUS 24	3	3	5	11
D PLUS 34 (NEAR NORMAL)	3	3	6	2 14

(EVERY 8 DAYS)

C. THE AVERAGE CARGO PER VESSEL IS ABOUT:

AMMO 1100 S/T

POL 1600 C/M

RICE 1500 M/T

4. (C) A UTILIZING THE CONSUMPTION AND RESUPPLY
FORECASTS, THE LOGISTICAL SITUATION PHNOM PENH ON
1 MARCH 1975 WILL BE:

	AMMO	POL	RICE
ON HAND, 23 JAN	9500	18100	19400
MEKONG	13200	19200	25500
AIR	3000	600	300
TOTAL RECEIPTS	16200	19800	25800
GROSS STOCAGE	25700	37900	45200
CONSUMPTION	18500	20600	20000
NET 1 MARCH	7200	17300	25200

B. IT CAN BE SEEN THAT WITH STRINGENT RATIONING,
POL AND RICE WILL HOLD THEIR OWN. HOWEVER, AMMO
STOCKAGE WILL BE REDUCED 24 PERCENT, AMOUNTING TO 14
DAYS ACROSS THE BOARD. IF THE CONVOY SCHEDULES ARE MET
AND THE ENEMY SITUATION IS REDUCED WE SHOULD BE OUT OF
THE WOODS BY 1 MARCH. ON THE OTHER HAND IF THE INTER-
DICTION OF THE MEKONG INCREASES IN INTENSITY, THE SCHEDULE
IS NOT MET, OR THE SITUATION INIYHNOM PENH DETERIORATES
(INCREASING AMMO CONSUMPTION AND DIVERTING AIR ASSETS)
WE COULD FIND THE SITUATION UNTENABLE BY 1 MARCH
WITHOUT LARGE SCALE AERIAL RESUPPLY.

5. (C) THE KEY THEN TO GETTING BY FOR THE NEXT SIX WEEKS
IS AN AGGRESSIVE, DYNAMIC ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF ALL TO PUSH
MEKONG CONVOYS THROUGH. UNFORTUNATELY THERE HAS BEEN A
PROPENSITY ON THE PART OF MNK TO INCREMENTALLY POSTPONE CONVEY
SAILING DATES. TP-111 WAS INITIALLY SCHEDULED TO SAIL
ON 10 J., ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREED AT THE TIPARTITE MEETING
ON 14 JAN. IT WAS THEN POSTPONED TO THE 18TH, 19TH, 20TH,
AND FINALLY SAILED ON THE 21ST. TP-112 WAS INITIALLY
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 PHNOM PENH 1568

SCHEDULED BY ADMIRAL SARENDY TO SAIL AT NOON, 24 JAN.

LAST NIGHT (24JAN) THERE WAS STILL DISCUSSION ABOUT

POSTPONING IT UNTIL 26 JAN. WHEN PT-111 FINALLY SAILED

IT INCLUDED MNK ESCORTS ONLY AND DID NOT INCLUDE ANY TUGS,

SCREEN BARGES, OR THE POL BARGE. TP-112 WILL SAIL AT

1400 25 JAN.

6. (C) IN SUMMARY, THE LOGISTICAL SITUATION AT PHNOM

PENH HANGS IN A VERY DELICATE BALANCE. MAJOR INCREASES

IN CONSUMPTION AND MINOR DECREASES IN CONVOY SUCCESS

COULD SWING THE SITUATION TOWARDS A SEVERE SHORTAGE. ON

THE OTHER HAND, IF ALL GOES WELL REQUIREMENTS WILL BARELY

BE MET, HOWEVER, SHOULD THE ENEMY BE DEFEATED THEN THE

SUPPLY COULD BUILD UP GRADUALLY OVER TIME. ULTIMATELY,

SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON THE CAPABILITY OF THE FANK TO CONTAIN

THE ENEMY AT PHNOM PENH AND TO DEFEAT HIM ON THE LOWER

MEKONG.

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